

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-4, 7-27, 29-34 and 36 are allowed based on the BPAI decision which states as follows:

Safai fails to describe the limitations the Examiner purports to be found within Safai at the particular citations. For instance, the step of or means for receiving payment for storing at least one digital image at a remote site, with respect to claims 1, 13, and 15; a processor confirming the storage of digital images at a remote storage site in response to confirmation sent from the remote storage site, as called for in claim 19; and a program encoded in a computer memory that instructs a processor linked to the computer memory to process payment information, as called for in claim 24.

None of the references, either singularly or in combination, discloses or even suggests the above limitations as per the BPAI decision.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald Laneau whose telephone number is (571)272-6784. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 5:00.

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